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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RECOGNIZING OPTICAL DISCS, OPTICAL DISC  
DRIVE, AND METHOD AND APPARTUS FOR DISTINGUISHING DATA STORAGE  
LAYER

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Simultaneously with the filing of the above-identified application with which this  
Preliminary Amendment is being filed, and prior to the calculation of the filing fee, Applicant  
hereby amends the application as follows, without prejudice: